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## **SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 1004**

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PROCLAIMING COLD WAR VICTORY DAY IN ARIZONA.

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Whereas, the Cold War lasted from September 2, 1945 until December 26, 1991 and was a long and costly struggle for freedom between the forces of democratic nations, led by the United States, against the tyranny and brutality of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics; and

Whereas, the Cold War began after World War II with the threat of world domination in Europe and Asia by the communist ideology and military action. This unique war was marked by periodic confrontations between the west and the east, including international crises such as the Berlin airlift in 1948 and 1949, the Korean War in 1950 through 1953, the Cuban missile crisis of 1962 and the Vietnam War from 1964 until 1973; and

Whereas, President Ronald Reagan devoted his presidency to the overthrow of the communist threat of world domination by the Soviet Union and spoke these historic words that inspired our nation to a new sense of patriotism, pride and purpose: "Mr. Gorbechev, tear down this wall"; and

Whereas, the end of the longest undeclared war in United States history began with the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989 and culminated with the collapse of the Soviet Union's communist government in December 1991; and

Whereas, tens of thousands of Arizona veterans valiantly served in our nation's armed forces during this long conflict with many of them sacrificing their lives; and

Whereas, the Cold War Veterans Association, a Kansas-based, federally recognized veterans' service organization, has identified May  $1^{\rm st}$  of each year as the day to commemorate our victory in the Cold War. Therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the State of Arizona, the House of Representatives concurring:

- 1. That the Members of the Legislature express their deepest gratitude to the members of the American armed forces who have stood ready to defend our nation throughout the decades of the Cold War and proclaim May  $1^{\rm st}$  of each year as Cold War Victory Day in Arizona.
- 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit a copy of this Resolution to the Cold War Veterans Association.

PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 7, 2010.

PASSED BY THE SENATE JANUARY 25, 2010.

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 12, 2010.